(d) if so, the steps taken to counter the growing menace of naxalites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A new Scheme for Special Infrastructure in Leftwing Extremism affected States has been approved in the Eleventh Plan, with an allocation of Rs. 500 crore, to cater to critical security infrastructure gaps, which cannot be covered under other schemes.

(c) and (d) There are no inputs to suggest that the spread of naxalism is with the connivance of ISI.

Recruitment of minors by Maoists

993. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maoist guerrillas are forcibly recruiting minors in their ranks as child soldiers in large forested areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether they are conducting a massive drive for child soldiers in their forested hideouts in Chhattisgarh which is close to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken serious view on these recruiting of minors by Maoists;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to crush them and dismantle such activities of Maoist in these areas; and

(e) whether Maoist plan to recruit Nepalis labour in India from these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per information available, in Chhattisgarh, CPI (Maoist) have constituted special squad of minors. The State Government has banned Krantikari Adivasi Balak Sangh, an organization of minor child soldiers created by the Maoists. Naxal problem is being effectively dealt with by the State Government. A wide range of security and development measures have been put in place to wean away the youth from maoist ideology. The Central Government supplements the efforts and resources of State Government in a variety of ways in the arena of security and development.

(e) There are no reports regarding Maoists plan to recruit Nepali labour from these districts.

Constitution of Disaster Management Authority

†994. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Disaster Management Authority has been constituted after the passing of Disaster Management Bill by the Parliament;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether the Authority has been invested with all the powers and resources;

(c) if so, the role of this authority in tackling the flood that hit Bihar recently; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVE): (a) and (b) Yes Madam. National Disaster Management Authority has been constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the Authority has been invested with all the requisite powers and resources.

(c) The Authority has appropriately contributed in relief and rescue measures in the wake of floods in Bihar.

(d) Question does not arise.

Internal Security Centre to eliminate terrorism

995. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the proposal of IIT, Kanpur to establish an Internal Security Centre to eliminate terrorism in the country;

(b) whether Government has taken any decision to implement this proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The IIT, Kanpur had submitted a proposal to set up a Centre with the aim of providing support in respect of security related matters requiring scientific, technological and analytical study and expertise. The proposal is under consideration of the Ministry in consultation with various agencies.

Law and order situation in Kandhamal, Orissa

996. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that law and order situation in Kandhamal district, Orissa is becoming worst day by day and thousands of Minority Community people have left their home since they could not get protection;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the strategy of State Government for maintaining communal harmony in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Following the killing of Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati and four others on 23.8.2008 by some armed miscreants, there was widespread violence in Orissa, particularly